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SUBJECT:MODE - DIA PROPOSED CHANGE IN DAO MANNING

REF: MOSCOW 17170

1. ACCORDING TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIA, DCM HAS CONCURRED IN CONVERSION OF A DAO OFFICER POSITION FOR ENLISTED INCUMBENCY. POSITION IN QUESTION IS THAT OCCUPIED BY MAJ. EDWARD L. WARNER III, USAF, ETD FROM POST JUNE 1978. RATIONALE GIVEN BY DIA FOR PROPOSED CONVERSION IS THAT REPAIR WORK TO THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN DISRUPTIVE OF NORMAL OPERATIONS AND THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUING SHORTFALL IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT NORMALLY AVAILABLE TO DAO MOSCOW THROUGH FAAS.
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2. MOSCOW 17170 (NOVEMBER 25, 1977) WHICH MODIFIED VIEWS SUBMITTED EARLIER IN MOSCOW 12478 (AUGUST 26), RECOMMENDED CUTTING ONE DAO OFFICER SLOT FROM EACH OF THE THREE SERVICES, THE CUTS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING FY 78 AND FY 79 BY NON-REPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL IN THE POSITIONS DESIGNATED FOR REDUCTION. DEPARTMENT SO

INFORMED DIA IN MID-APRIL EMPHASIZING THE NON-REPLACEMENT
FORMULA. TO DATE DIA HAS NOT REACTED TO THOSE COM
REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. WE WONDER WHETHER THE WARNER SLOT MAY NOT BE THE
APPROPRIATE USAF SLOT IN DAO TO BE REDUCED. CONSEQUENTLY
WE HESITATE TO AGREE TO ANY FORM OF REPLACEMENT IN THAT
SLOT, ESPECIALLY PENDING DIA'S FORMAL REACTION TO THE
COM REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SOME FIRM DECISION
ON THE MATTER.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS. NEWSOM

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